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1. Living conditions in the Lithuanian SSR are worse than they were in 1951. Moreover, the Lithuanians now distrust the Soviets more than ever.
2. In the early days of the Soviet occupation of Lithuania there were still many youths who did not think seriously about the situation and who thought only about drinking and pleasure. It is now almost impossible to find such persons; without exception, everyone is dissatisfied with the Soviet regime.
3. Government food stores in the Lithuanian SSR and in the Soviet Union proper are empty. Except for dark bread, which is more like clay than bread, it is almost impossible to buy anything. When white bread or meat is available in a store, lines several meters long form immediately and everything is sold in a very short time.
4. The kolkhozy still bring foodstuffs to be sold at the market, but prices there are so high that few inhabitants can afford to make any purchases. The price of a kilogram of butter or bacon on the market would be about 40 rubles.
5. No wood, peat, or other fuel supplies were officially distributed to the inhabitants of the Lithuanian SSR for the winter of 1952-1953. The inhabitants were forced to buy fuel illegally from the kolkhozniki, who had undoubtedly stolen it from the forests and peat bogs.
6. It is still possible to buy women's clothing in the Lithuanian SSR, but it is impossible to obtain men's clothing.

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